

But the attorney general of Texas and 25 other Republican Governors and attorneys general filed a lawsuit stating that the President had exceeded his authority. This decision affects millions of American families who are now subject to being torn apart, and as many as 5 million immigrants could be set for mass deportation.

I expect the administration will swiftly appeal this decision to the Supreme Court and that the Court will find the actions lawful. It is sad that Republicans are wasting their time talking about mass deportation when they could be doing things to solve the problem, such as passing a bill that reforms our immigration system once and for all. The Republican Party has neglected the lessons of the 2012 elections and has plunged over a cliff following Donald Trump, Ben Carson, and the others.

The Executive actions were neither a complete nor a permanent solution to the problems plaguing the immigration system, but they were a commonsense step in the face of inaction.

As Judge Carolyn Dineen King stated in her dissent very clearly, "a mistake has been made." So it is now up to the U.S. Supreme Court to correct this grave mistake—a mistake that sets not only a dangerous precedent but one that is bad for families, bad for our communities, and bad for the future prosperity of our country. Again, as Judge King said, "a mistake has been made."

IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT

Mr. REID. Madam President, today I want to address more directly the Republican leader's remarks that he gave yesterday regarding the Iran nuclear agreement. In short, no matter how Republicans misrepresent the Iran nuclear agreement, the agreement brought about the long-sought goal of preventing Iran from having a nuclear weapon. The agreement is nothing more, nothing less. It prevents Iran from having a nuclear weapon.

HOSTING PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU

Mr. REID. Madam President, later today the Republican leader and I will host Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, as we have done on many other occasions. It is always a pleasure to meet with Prime Minister Netanyahu and reaffirm America's longstanding commitment to the security of Israel. Israel knows it has an ally in the United States—in fact, no greater ally in the world than our great country.

While some Republicans in Congress are trying to drive a false narrative of acrimony between the United States and Israel, I choose to see the full picture, and the full picture is one of strengthened cooperation and shared interests.

Israel has always and will always depend on the United States to be by its

side. That is why the United States and Israel are negotiating right now a new 10-year memorandum of understanding on security assistance. Much of yesterday's meeting between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Israel centered on the continued assistance we would provide Israel. Israel's interests have always been protected by the United States in matters that come before the United Nations, as Israel has always protected the interests of the United States before the United Nations.

In recent years we have seen how resolutions before the United Nations General Assembly and the U.N. Human Rights Council have unfairly targeted the people of Israel. The administration has denounced such efforts, but we also stand against Palestinian attempts to use the United Nations to go around a negotiated peace process. Wherever, whenever, and however, the United States will always stand by Israel.

VETERANS DAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I share the Republican leader's hope that we can conclude the Military Construction-VA bill later this morning. I commend the managers of that legislation for doing a good job. There is no Senator I admire more than JON TESTER from Montana, and he has been ably leading the direction of this bill.

I join with the Republican leader as we honor our veterans tomorrow on Veterans Day.

Madam President, I just want to take a brief minute to talk about a veteran, whom I look to with admiration.

Today the chaplain gave a prayer saying that he prayed for veterans who have already left us and those veterans who are still alive.

My town is Searchlight, NV, a little tiny town with not a lot of people in it. It has been that way for a long time. For a brief period Searchlight was bigger than Las Vegas. It had 3,000 people there.

During World War II a young man who was already married and had children went to a movie with his wife in Las Vegas. He came out of the movies and told his wife: I think I have to join. He didn't have to, but he felt he had to.

So this young man joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, which is now the U.S. Air Force. It was a huge sacrifice for him and his family. He traveled with his wife and children to Georgia where he did his training and then went to the European theater as a pilot.

He served gallantly, bombing, strafing, and all the other things you did in the air in World War II. He had been through 68 different missions. He was through. But as happens sometimes in life, things develop that change your life. He volunteered for one more flight because one of the other pilots was unable to go.

On his 69th flight, somewhere over Belgium, Bill Nellis, the boy from

Searchlight, was shot down. He is still there. That is where his grave is.

I know his family. I know his son Gary and his Aunt Thelma, whom I knew in Searchlight.

This good man was so gallant in the eyes of people from Nevada that a previous congressional delegation, in conjunction with the President of the United States, decided it would be appropriate to name the Las Vegas Gunnery School, as it was called at that time, Nellis Air Force Base.

Today Nellis Air Force Base, named after this man from Searchlight, is the finest Air Force fighter training facility in the world. Thousands and thousands of people serve there.

It was originally on the outskirts of Las Vegas. Now it is in Las Vegas in a very populated area. No one complains about it. We are so proud of that Air Force base. It is a huge facility that has the finest gunnery range for Air Force pilots in the world. We have exercises there every year where pilots from all over the world bring their own aircraft from Australia, Great Britain, and other places to train there.

We in Nevada are very proud of Nellis Air Force Base, as is the entire military complex in the United States. It is a wonderful facility. Tomorrow is the day we honor Bill Nellis and the other gallant people who have served and are serving in the U.S. military.

Would the Chair announce the business this morning.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2029, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2029) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Kirk/Tester amendment No. 2763, in the nature of a substitute.

Kirk amendment No. 2764 (to amendment No. 2763), to clarify the term "congressional defense committees."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the time until 11 a.m. will be equally divided in the usual form.

The Senator from Utah.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—S. RES. 312

Mr. LEE. Madam President, I rise today to support and to request the Senate's approval of this resolution, which would designate the second week of November as National Pregnancy